GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WILDELIFE AND FOREST TOURISM IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope for wildlife and forest tourism in Bihar;

(b) if so, the steps taken to exploit the tourism potential in the State;

(c) whether the State Government has submitted any scheme to the Union Government for financial assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided to the State Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): There is some scope especially in Valmikinagar Tiger Reserve for development of wildlife and forest based tourism in Bihar.

(b), (c) and (d): Central financial assistance is now provided for Integrated Development of Tourism Circuits and Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development projects identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations. During the current financial year works worth Rs.505.00 lakhs have been sanctioned in Bihar under a project for Integrated Development of Vaishali-Nalanda-Rajgir-Bodhgaya-Varanasi Circuit.